

# PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

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## Planning for Folsom Lake SRA Continues!

Although it has been awhile since you have heard from us, the process of updating the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan/Resource Management Plan is moving forward.

Work on the project slowed greatly during 2005, when other project priorities kept State Parks and Reclamation from maintaining their original schedule. We apologize for the delays. We understand that as stakeholders in this process you share our commitment to the future of the SRA. Thus, after participating in the early portions of the planning process many of you are probably wondering about the plan's current status. We appreciate your patience, and this mailer will clarify where we are in the process and let you know how you can get involved again.

## What Has Happened Since Our Last Contact?

At our last public workshop in June 2003, we presented a series of preliminary alternative concepts for the SRA and discussed with workshop participants their concerns and/or support for various improvement and management options. Following the workshop, the planning team began to develop the workshop concepts in more detail. During this period, additional stakeholder meetings were held to solicit more specific input on key issues such as the possible development of a whitewater kayaking course in the river below Nimbus Dam (February '04) and the possible location of the proposed California Indian Heritage Center at the Museum Flat site on the east side of Lake Natoma north of Nimbus Flats (November '04). Based on community input from the workshop and stakeholder meetings plus additional direction



from State Parks and Reclamation, a preferred concept was defined. A fully developed administrative draft plan, including a comprehensive set of management goals and guidelines, was then prepared. Once the plan was formulated, a set of more fully developed alternatives was prepared for environmental analysis and public review. The environmental analysis of the administrative draft plan and alternatives, which began in late 2005, is ongoing. As a plan involving both State and Federal jurisdiction, the environmental analysis will take the form of a joint Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

## Where Do We Go From Here?

The project is moving forward, and the intent is to complete the new plan this year. Our current schedule is as follows:

- The Public Review Draft Plan and EIR/EIS will be published in early June and a public meeting will be held to provide an overview of its contents. The time and location of this meeting will be announced in a newsletter mailed prior to the release of the Plan and EIR/EIS.
- The mandatory public review period for the environmental document will extend through June and July.
- Approximately a month after the release of the Public Review Draft (late June or early July) a Public Meeting will be held to answer questions and receive comments on the Plan and EIR/EIS.
- Written comments on the environmental document will be accepted up until the end of the Public Review period in approximately late July or early August.
- Written responses from State Parks and Reclamation to public comments on the Plan and EIR/EIS will be published in early September.
- A public hearing before the State Parks Commission to certify the environmental document and adopt the Plan will be scheduled in the Fall or early Winter.

## The Folsom Lake SRA Planning Process

Just as a reminder, the objective of the current process is to prepare the first comprehensive update of the original 1978 plan for the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (SRA). The process of updating the Folsom Lake SRA General Plan/Resource Management Plan is a joint effort of the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) and the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). The resulting plan will provide a single and cohesive management document that will guide both agencies in their protection of natural and cultural resources and the development of public use facilities within the SRA.

# We Want to Hear From You!

Your input to the planning process is important to us. If you would like further information, all project materials are located on the project website. In addition, there are several ways you can contact us:

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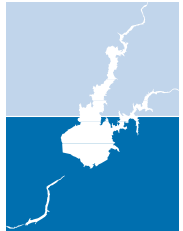
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## Web

You can find more information about this project by visiting the State Parks website at [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov) and clicking on "General Plans - In Progress" under "Long Range Planning and Park Development" in the lower right of the homepage.



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